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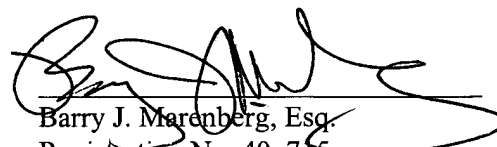
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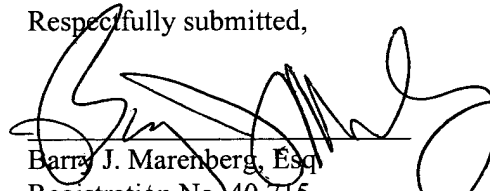
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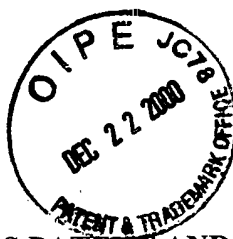
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the November 22, 2000 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. A response is due on or before December 22, 2000. Consequently, Applicants believe that no payment is necessary. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (00960-570).

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-28, drawn to methods of evaluating compounds, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1, without traverse.

Election of Species of a Morphogen and Tissue-Type

Applicants provisionally elect the OP-1 morphogen species. All the claims in the elected group readable on the elected species. Applicants also provisionally elect the neural tissue-type species. However, Applicants request modification of the present election requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.143. According to M.P.E.P. § 803.02: